

South Dakota Risk Pool Governing and Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Governors Large Conference Room
Thursday November 2, 2006

The Risk Pool Governing Board met shortly after 10:00 a.m. on November 2, 2006. Governing Board Members in attendance included Chairman Kevin Forsch, Janet Griffin, Dave Hewett, Randy Moses, Tom Martinec and Larry Iversen. Advisory Board Members included Dr. Mary Carpenter, Bob Clark, Paul Jensen, Lonnie McKittrick, Jean Reed, Cheryl Stone, and Rick Stracqualursi. Also in attendance were Melissa Kusser, Dei Molitor, Bureau of Personnel Commissioner Sandy Zinter, Barb Smith, Dan Callahan, and Tim Jongerius.

Kevin Forsch welcomed the group to the meeting. Meeting minutes from July 20, 2006 were distributed to the group. Randy Moses made a motion to accept and a second was given by Janet Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Forsch advised the group that Eric Hales was no longer with state government thus a new co-chair and replacement would need to be named. At this time the Governor has not made that appointment. At the end of Senator Sutton's term in January a replacement will be made to the advisory board.

Sandy Zinter then presented the group with various reports. The first report up for discussion was the Financial Condition statement. Zinter advised the group that changes had been made to reflect previous year's data for comparison reasons. The group discussed options for further modifications to the report. A recommendation was made that the Division of Insurance's financial staff review the financial condition statement as they would an Insurance Company. Moses will take the lead on coordinating the efforts along with Janet Griffin, Jean Reed, and Sandy Zinter.

The second report discussed was 3 years worth of data on enrollment. The group advised that they would like to see trend factors versus the data in its entirety. The next report was the Rx Utilization report. Members of the group expressed concerns about the amount of money being dispensed. They recommended checking into options regarding savings.

The last report discussed was the monthly statistical report from HCMTI. The group discussed the new metabolic syndrome program.

Jean Reed advised the board that hospitals were not receiving the payment modification that had went into effect with SB 201. Zinter will be speaking with Dakotacare in regards to this matter.

Melissa Kusser distributed the Annual Report to the legislators. Comments and suggestions were given by the group. Kusser will re draft a second version and distribute for further comment. The report is due on or before January 1, 2007.

Chairman Forsch then asked for a nomination of a co-chair. A nomination was made by Dave Hewett for Tom Martinec. A second was given by Griffin. The vote passed unanimously.

A handout was distributed to the group which contained information in regards to a conference call on strategic planning. Moses gave a recap of the call in which two individuals with a wealth of knowledge of High Risk Pools were called upon. The two individuals commended our board on a job well done.

The last item on the agenda was an update on SB 200. Moses gave a recap of what the bill was designed to do, the recommendations of the working group, and a summary of the actuarial analysis as to the number of eligibles that can be projected to be added. He advised the group that we were awarded \$1,098,428 in federal grant money. After discussion a motion was made by Hewett to accept 90 individuals in to the pool. A second was given by Moses and the motion passed unanimously.

Moses then made a motion to send letters to all individuals that were currently at 200% and above. Griffin made a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Moses explained to the board that he would like to put the acceptance guidelines into administrative rule. He will explore the timelines and advise the group.

The group was concerned on the flexibility of when individuals would be let in. The group was informed that current practice was to allow the individual to come on to the pool at a requested date but no sooner then the application was dated.

A tentative board meeting was scheduled for December 14, 2006.

A motion was then made shortly after 1:00 pm to adjourn by Hewett and a second was given by Martinec.